

South Dakota Brand Board
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2021

The South Dakota Brand Board met on April 7, 2021. Members present were Scott Vance, Myron Williams, Lyle Spring, and David Paul; Dave Koupal attended the meeting remotely. Brand Board staff present in person or via remote access were Debbie Trapp, Bob Haivala, and Shorty Zilverberg. Others present via remote access or in person were Jason Simmons, Bob Mercer, Bryan Hanson, Becki Vineyard, Tom Hughson, and Dave Horton. The meeting was available via Zoom in keeping with the recommended social distancing for COVID 19.

Pres. Vance called the meeting to order.

Motion by Williams to adopt the agenda as amended, second by Spring. Motion carried.

Motion by Spring to approve minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Trapp presented financial information as of February 28, 2021. Fund Balance - Brand Fund \$2,125,059.68; Brand Inspection Fund \$593,108.83; Theft and Prevention Fund \$276,286.05. Motion by Spring to approve Financial Report as presented, second by Paul. Motion carried.

Koupal joined the meeting.

Zilverberg provided the following statistics for 03/03/21 to 04/07/21:

New Cases – 5, Active Cases – 15, Cases Closed - 0, Informational Reports – 7, Missing Livestock Reports – 3; Number of Cattle Reported Missing – 22 head. Zilverberg to contact Nebraska and North Dakota to schedule joint road checks.

Trapp presented the Brand Inspection Report for February 2021: Livestock Markets – 128,321 head, Locker Plants 577 head, Locals – 32,076 head, Lifetime Horse Permits – 43 head, for a total of 161,017 head. FY 21 is #3 in comparison with the last seven years.

Trapp gave the Director's Report: Thank you to Brand Inspector Jim Holloway of Faith for his 61 years of service as a brand inspector; A retirement party will be held sometime this summer. Dave Anderson from Lemmon has been helping process the tallies. Doug Paxton, full time inspector in Ft. Pierre, has offered to help with brand inspector trainings this summer so thank you to him. Zilverberg and myself have been asked to remotely participate in the Oglala Lakota County Commissioners meeting in regards to the cattle theft agenda item. Currently working with Secretary Roberts and Jason Simmons to schedule meeting to review draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Tribes and Brand Board.

Bryan Hanson, from Ft Pierre Livestock, asked the Board to accept faxed or emailed copies of completed Affidavit Forms and Livestock Release Forms. Motion by Williams to proceed with acceptance of copies of these forms upon approval by legal counsel and if in compliance with state statute, second by Spring. Roll Call Vote: Williams – Yes, Vance – Yes, Paul – Yes, Spring – Yes, Koupal – Yes. Motion carried.

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Koupal left the meeting.

Dave Horton, Chief Brand Inspector from Nebraska, presented an updated Reciprocal Agreement for Livestock Ownership Inspections in Nebraska. As Nebraska does not have horse inspections, the updated agreement will not include horse inspections at Open Markets in Nebraska beginning July 1, 2021. Motion by Spring to approve Reciprocal Agreement with Nebraska and authorize the Board President to sign, second by Williams. Motion carried.

Open Comment: Jason Simmons, Director of Outreach for Dept of Agriculture, reported the merger with Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources with be effective April 19, 2021. Simmons also reported on progress of the Memorandum of Understanding with Tribes and Brand Board.

Next Regular meeting set for June 9, 2021. Location to be determined.

Motion by Williams to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1 & 3) personnel and legal at 12:01 p.m., second by Spring. Motion carried. Came out at 1:25 p.m.

Motion by Williams to appoint Cody Ramsey as Chief Brand Inspector, second by Spring. Motion carried.

As no other business came before the board, Pres. Vance declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Vance, President

Debbie Trapp, Executive Director

These minutes were filed for the record on _____.